

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A cooking apparatus that has a support stand having a grill coupling section and a grill assembly releasably coupled with the coupling section of the support stand, and the grill assembly having a stand alone leg assembly which is supported by the support stand when the grill assembly and support stand are coupled. The coupling assembly preferably includes a telescoping relationship as in a projection off the grill assembly received in a pedestal stem representing the support stand which is at a height suited for stand up cooking. The leg assembly is preferably provided with an interconnected linkage and slide assembly which allows for the legs to expand out and lock in place and to then be collapsed again for telescopic insertion into the pedestal stem as in a collapsed state which allows for a free dangling extension in the support stem while the projection is in sliding contact with the upper cavity surface of the stem. The coupled grill assembly and the support stand are also preferably secured in coupled position with a securement assembly as in hand manipulatable latch(es) and/or fastener(s). One embodiment features a gas grill with gas burner and rigid gas supply line attached to a grill base body or the projection or some other portion of the grill assembly so as to allow a gas supply source to be maintained fastened to the grill assembly during coupling or removal of the grill assembly relative to the support stand.